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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	10603	Agenda Number	31.
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Meeting Date:	November 10, 2011
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) with SIDDONS FIRE APPARATUS, INC., Manor, TX, for the purchase of three triple-combination pumper fire-trucks and one platform quint fire-truck in an amount not to exceed \$2,337,638.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Vehicle Acquisition Fund.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase.
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Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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MBE / WBE:	This Cooperative Purchase is exempt from the MBE /WBE Ordinance. This exemption is in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority –Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.
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Additional Backup Information

This contract is for the purchase of three replacement triple-combination pumper fire-trucks and one replacement quint fire-truck. These trucks will be used in various capacities depending on the size and nature of the fire or incident and are built to current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards.

All of these trucks will be equipped with a standard foam system, on-board water tank, 1500-gallon-per-minute fire pump, ground ladders, assorted firefighting tools, hose and equipment, side-curtain and front airbags, and will carry a maximum of six firefighters. The quint will also be equipped with a 100-foot aerial ladder and additional ground ladders. All of these trucks are capable of pumping water from either a fire hydrant or from the on-board water tank.

The three pumper trucks will be assigned as follows:

- Station 4 Blanco Street
- Station 45 Spectrum
- Station 22 East Riverside

The one quint truck will be assigned to:

- Station 1 East 5th Street

These fire trucks are powered with engines capable of burning biodiesel (B20) fuel. In line with Austin Climate Protection Program goals, B20 provides an approximate 25% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions versus using gasoline and an approximate 5% reduction versus using petro-diesel.

Departments reviewed the list of vehicles determined eligible for replacement by Fleet Services based on mileage, hours of use, and maintenance costs. From that list, priority uses were determined within the departments, and the proposed equipment was reviewed by the Fleet Service Center Manager to insure the specified vehicle is appropriate for the use.

All of these replacement vehicles have met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. The Fleet Service Center Managers have inspected each vehicle to be replaced, and determined that the mileage or hours of use of each vehicle proposed for replacement cannot be increased without risking a significant increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time.

The pricing for the pumper fire-trucks represents a 2.2% increase to the last purchase made in December 2010. The increase in price is due to the EPA 2010 emissions-compliant engine that will be installed in each truck. The last purchase of a quint fire-truck was in October 2009, with a purchase price that was 12.2% less than this purchase. However, the truck purchased in 2009 had an entirely different configuration of equipment. Therefore, no equivalent price comparison can be made.

The Purchasing Office conducted an analysis to determine that the BuyBoard contract was the best value to the City. The Siddons Fire Apparatus, Inc. contract offered the lowest prices and is able to provide vehicles that fully meet the needs of the Austin Fire Department. Siddons Fire Apparatus, Inc. is contracted through BuyBoard to supply these types of vehicles to other public entities statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing BuyBoard contracts provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest opportunity to place the City's vehicles on order.